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To whom it may concern,

As a software developer and consultant who has worked for an anti-Microsoft company, I seriously believe that Microsoft's competitors will stop at nothing to defeat the company. The proposed settlement is a step in the right direction and the only thing holding back the last nine states is a powerful lobby that has been unable to defeat Microsoft in the marketplace. If Microsoft products were really that bad, no one would buy them. There are several documented pieces of software where Microsoft has filed (MS Bob for example) and no level of marketing or dominance will let a bad product win the marketplace. The question that must be applied is - "Is this good for consumers?" and I have to tell you to open your eyes and see that consumers like convenience features like having a calculator or simple word processor bundled with an operating system. I don't think Microsoft is without flaws, but don't tie their hands at the expense of my benefit.

Please urge the nine states to settle, for consumers, for developers, for the industry and for our country.

Thank you
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